

HOBART'S BONDS ARE REJECTED

Liabilities Exceed the Four Per Cent Legal Limit.

OTHER IRREGULARITIES

Where Lies the Blame is the Question Asked.

Hobart, O. T., Sept. 26.—Hobart's second attempt to issue water works bonds has ended in failure. Attorneys having given an opinion that the bonds cannot be legally issued.

Regarding the matter the News-Republican says:

The records regarding the proceedings preliminary to the issuing of \$2,500 water and sewer bonds by this city have been submitted to the city council by attorneys in Chicago, and it is their opinion that upon this record the bonds cannot be legally issued, and for this reason the bond buyers refuse to buy the bonds.

There are attorneys hold that as the bonds exceed the 4 per cent debt limitation, it is necessary to issue them under the act of congress, which permits cities having a bona fide population of 1,500 according to the last school census, to issue bonds in excess of the 4 per cent debt limitation, provided this question is submitted to a vote of the people and it receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the qualified electors in the city, who are owners of real or personal property, subject to taxation in the city.

The act provides: "On the question of the issue of said bonds, no person shall be qualified to vote except he be in all respects a qualified elector and owner of real or personal property subject to taxation within the municipality."

It is pointed out that the election notice does not in any way designate what electors can vote on the bonds, although the act especially qualifies such electors, that the election notice given was the same as would be used for a general election, at which all electors in the city would vote; and that all qualified electors, irrespective of whether they are owners of real or personal property in the city, were allowed to vote on the question of issuing bonds.

The law provides that two-thirds of the qualified voters as above described shall vote affirmatively for the issuance of said bonds, then the mayor and town council shall issue the same, and not otherwise.

The returns of the canvassing board makes no statement whatever as to the number of electors who are taxpayers, nor does it state that two-thirds of the qualified electors, who are owners of real or personal property, voted in favor of these bonds.

In order to ascertain who are qualified to vote on the bond proposition, it is pointed out that it will be necessary to compare the registration lists with the assessors list, and ascertain how many of the names of the latter are owners of property subject to taxation.

It is not the intention of the law that two-thirds of those voting should vote in favor of the bonds, but that two-thirds of the tax-paying electors should be interested in the issuing of the bonds to such an extent that they are willing to come out and vote affirmatively in favor thereof.

Editorially the paper says under the caption, "Where Lies the Blame?":

"Twice in the last six months have the citizens of Hobart been called on to cast their vote for the issuance of water works and sewer bonds, and twice have the voters claimed their desire to have the same."

"The first election was void and the bonds could not find market."

"Another election was called, at great expense to the city, to again vote on the same proposition. The people and the voters voted unanimously the building of waterworks. They had acted on the suggestion of the secretary of the interior, who approved the action."

"Twice have the voters at the polls prayed for waterworks. Twice the voters have been denied waterworks, and \$20,000 worth of their property went up in flames."

"Where lies the blame?"

"The people have done their duty."

"We are no nearer waterworks now than we were over two years ago, and the business men of our town are paying from 10 to 125 per cent insurance. They need up, the high insurance rates alone would build a waterworks system in one year's time that the city would feel proud of."

"The voters of the city are again to be called upon to vote on the same question they have twice before voted on, and under the present condition of affairs the people have no more assurance now that the matter will be handled correctly than they had at the two preceding elections."

"The mayor, city council and the city attorney of Hobart handled the matter before, and both times proved themselves incompetent."

"By virtue of their offices they will handle it again. What assurance have the people that they will not blunder again, and we still be deprived of waterworks?"

"If these men are incompetent, why don't they resign? They do not belong there. A city the size of Hobart should have waterworks, and she should have officers who are competent to conduct municipal affairs."

"If the blame for these failures can be traced to any individual upon whom the administration has relied for counsel and guidance, it should be removed from office and the services of some one secured whose judgment and counsel can be relied on."

"Two failures in succession show the utter incompetency on the part of the responsible parties, and the people will have faith to trust them again."

business house on the east side of the square was flooded by water. H. M. Bennett, who with his family moved here from Mountain View a few days ago, was possibly the heaviest loser of any who has been reported up to this date. His house was flooded to the ground. Mrs. Bennett and her 3-year-old child were in the house at the time of the storm. When help came the child was pinned down by a cooking stove and in all probability its life would have been ebbing away in a short time had not help arrived at that critical moment. The wife and child were injured, but not seriously.

Joe McLaughlin, the cold storage man, suffered the loss of his house being turned over.

R. C. Johnson, the hardware man, had the framework of the new storage house torn down.

The Aldridge building, where the local telephone office is located, had part of the roof carried away and water soaked everything on the top floors.

Hotel Albia was flooded and several windows broken.

At Pacific Home, several miles southwest of Hesperia, the school house was made a total wreck. The house was filled with people attending Euworth League, but all escaped uninjured. Steve Brunk's residence was completely demolished.

Several other buildings in and near Leger were twisted and wrecked, but we are unable to give an authentic report. Carriages, automobiles and other things left out were wrecked or carried away.

Domestic fowls were killed by the dozen.

The Orient hotel lost all its chimneys in Sunday night's storm and was otherwise damaged.

HIT BY THE LEVER.

Badly Hurt While Running a Threshing Machine.

Pawnee, O. T., Sept. 26.—Steve Aldrich, who lives west of town and who has been running an engine for a threshing outfit, was badly hurt Tuesday morning by being hit over the left eye with a lever of an engine. The threshing was being done near the accident occurred, and he was immediately brought to town and Dr. Waters dressed the wound, which is an ugly one but not very dangerous.

FOR \$4,500 BRIDGE.

County Commissioners Provide for Crossing Over Salt Fork.

Ingersoll, O. T., Sept. 26.—The county commissioners have just let the contract for a \$4,500 bridge across the Salt Fork, but one mile north of here. One thousand dollars will be spent by the town and farmers benefited thereby for repaving the roads leading up to the bridge on each side of the river.

This bridge means an increase in Ingersoll's territory of one-third.

GRADING HAS BEGUN.

Interurban Railway Between Guthrie and Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 26.—Construction work in the interurban railroad between Guthrie and Oklahoma City began today, the contract for the local grading having been let by John W. Sharrett. The road will be built by the Oklahoma traction company.

Work on the road for building the road had been secured from eastern capitalists and that it would cost one million dollars. The sum of \$12,000 has been paid out for right-of-way and \$23,000 expended in grading terminals at Oklahoma City. A street railroad system six miles in length will be built at Guthrie before connection is made with Oklahoma City.

One central power house will furnish current to the interurban line and the street railroad systems at Oklahoma City and Guthrie.

KILLED WITH STONES.

Colored Boys Had a Quarrel Which Proved Fatal.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 26.—Fred Wittig, a white boy fourteen years of age, died yesterday evening from wounds inflicted by Judge Vick, a colored boy, who used stones with terrible effect. The two boys had a fight several days ago, and young Wittig has been in a serious condition since that time. He was unconscious a greater part of the time, and doctors were in constant attendance. The boy's skull was broken in two places and from the first there was slight hope for his recovery.

Young Vick is in the county jail and will probably be held on a murder charge. His father is a saloon keeper, and the boy has had a bad reputation of being unruly, and is well known to the police department.

TO HIT CHOCTAW ELBOW.

Denver, Enid and Gulf Reported to Be Making Such Plans.

Ingersoll, O. T., Sept. 26.—Word is brought here by the farmers that the Denver, Enid and Gulf is surveying a line to hit the elbow of the Choctaw River on the southeast corner of town, leaving Cherokee a mile and a half to the north, and using this branch of the Rock Island to Alva, with the intention of building thence to Denver.

SUMMER IS UNFAVORABLE.

Beaver County Has Experienced a Very Cold Season.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 26.—A dispatch from Beaver says Beaver county ranchmen report the summer just closed as one of the most unfavorable for the cattle business they have experienced for some time. Mr. Highfill, living thirty miles above Canton, in Peacock canyon, says there was exactly two months between rain at his place. This shows the summer to have been unusually short. It has run to extremes of hot and cold, also. It is predicted that next year will see uncertain prices in this part of the territory. The year has proved crops known to years. Something in the weather that prevailed, not being sufficient to grow the proper grass, and an abundance of it. Vegetables, too, have been a little more scarce than usual this summer. In some cases the stockmen are trading their cattle for sheep, although just the reason for this is not explained. On some of the oldest and biggest ranches of the country this transfer is taking place, twelve ewes being counted the equal in value of one cow.

Weds in Missouri.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 26.—Mr. L. B. Sturges, an attorney of Andover, O. T., and Miss Eva St. Wood, of Warrensburg, a former student of the Sedalia high school and school of music, were married here yesterday by Rev. A. A. Boyd, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church. Mr. Sturges is a son of the late Captain W. R. Sturges, representative from Manitowish county.

Issue Fraudulent Warrants.

Hobart, O. T., Sept. 26.—Allen W. Train and J. G. Whitaker have been indicted on the charge of fraudulently issuing warrants for the erection of a school building at Harrison. They have been arraigned and each entered a plea of not guilty.

ANTI-TRUST LAW IS RECALLED

Recent Inquiries from Washington Arouse Interest.

LUMBER AND HARDWARE

Two Cases Have Already Been in Court.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 26.—Owing to the fact that a number of Kiowa county lumbermen and hardware merchants have been indicted for an alleged violation of Oklahoma's anti-trust laws much interest in these laws has been created. The legislature of 1890 enacted anti-trust legislation, and although attempts have been made to change the laws in succeeding legislatures, no change was ever made. The department of commerce and the attorney general recently wrote the legislature a general asking for information concerning these laws, and they are as follows:

"If any individual, firm, partnership or association of persons whatsoever, shall create, enter into, become a member of, or a party to, any pool, trust, agreement, combination or understanding with any other person or persons whatsoever, to regulate the price or fix the price of, or prevent or restrict the competition in the sale of provisions, feed, fuel, lumber or other building materials, articles of merchandise or other commodity, they shall be guilty of misdemeanor, shall be fined not less than \$50, nor more than \$500."

"It shall not be lawful for any corporation organized under the laws of this territory, or organized under the laws of any other state or territory, and doing business in this territory, to enter into a combination, contract, trust, pool or agreement with any other corporation or corporations, or with any individual, firm, partnership or association of persons whatsoever, for the purpose of regulating or fixing the price of, or preventing or restricting competition in the sale of provisions, feed, fuel, lumber or other building materials, articles of merchandise, or other commodity, including the fixing of the rate of interest. Any president, manager, director, agent, receiver or other officer of such corporation, violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$50, nor more than \$500, for the first offense, and upon a second conviction shall be fined a sum equal to twice the amount of the first fine, and such corporation shall forfeit its corporate right or franchise, and its corporate existence, in this territory, shall thereupon cease and determine."

"Any person purchasing provisions, feed, material, articles of merchandise, or any commodity from any individual, firm, partnership or corporation transacting business in violation of the provisions of this act, shall not be liable for the purchase of such article or commodity, nor shall he be liable for the price or payment of any such article or commodity, and may plead this act as a defense in any suit for price or payment. In any civil action brought under the provisions of this section the court before whom such suit shall be pending may compel the plaintiff to furnish evidence in such civil action; provided, the evidence so obtained shall not be used in any criminal prosecution for perjury committed in giving such testimony."

"Any person who shall have purchased from any individual, firm, partnership or corporation, doing business in violation of the provisions of this act, any provisions, feed, fuel, lumber or other building materials, articles of merchandise, or other commodity, and paid for the same, may maintain a civil action to recover the full amount of damages sustained in consequence of any such violation of the provisions of this act, together with a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court, which attorney's fee shall be taxed and collected as part of the costs in such case. In any civil action brought under the provisions of this act the court before whom such suit shall be pending may compel the defendant to furnish evidence in such civil action; provided, the evidence so obtained shall not be used in any criminal prosecution for perjury committed in giving such testimony."

"It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorneys in their respective counties, to enforce the foregoing provisions of this act, and any prosecuting attorney securing a conviction under the provisions of this act, shall be entitled in addition to such fee or salary as by law he is allowed for such prosecution, to one-fifth of the fine received."

HIS PARTNER AN INDIAN.

Young Kiowa Indian Enters Business With Mountain View Man.

El Reno, O. T., Sept. 26.—A partnership has been formed at Mountain View that is very exceptional. T. J. Jones, a German, has formed a partnership with Sherman Chaddison, a young Kiowa Indian, who has recently returned from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he has for the past five years been attending Carlisle university for Indians.

Young Chaddison is a nephew of Tinko-we-mah, one of the original owners of the Mountain View townsite. He was born in this vicinity and previous to his going to Pennsylvania was a student in the Indian school at Anadarko. He is very gentlemanly in appearance, pleasant in manner and interesting in conversation, and on the whole a very fine specimen of his race, according to the Progress.

STRONG LYCEUM COURSE.

Enough Tickets Sold at Alva to Ensure Financial Success.

Alva, O. T., Sept. 26.—Alva can boast of the strongest lyceum course offered by any town in the territory.

Last year the Normal lecture course consisted of five lectures, for which season tickets were sold at \$2 each. The patronage given by the school and town was so liberal that all expenses were paid and the year closed with \$115 in the treasury. This year it was decided to offer six excellent attractions at the same price paid last year, and already enough

tickets have been sold to insure the success of the course.

The first of the year's attractions will be a lecture, next Monday night by Senator Dulliver of Iowa. Other names to follow are to be Dr. W. A. Quayle, the Hawthorne Musical club of Boston, Prof. John B. DeMotte, Dr. Byron W. King of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Catherine Redgway Concert company.

Work is progressing rapidly on Alva's new system of water works. A large standpipe is being constructed on the hill near the Normal school, and chimes are now assured that all parts of the town will soon have an abundant supply of excellent water.

The annual territorial convention of the W. C. T. U. has been in session here since Thursday. Delegates from over the territory, as well as some prominent speakers from other states, have been in attendance.

SEARCHING FOR LOST BOY.

Beaver County Father Offers Reward for Information.

Enid, O. T., Sept. 26.—The police are looking for a boy named Rolly Wright, who is 15 years old. He left his home near Sophia, P. O., Beaver county, with the consent of his parents, early in July this year to come to Garfield county to work in the harvesting. He left home with a big iron gray team; a four year old dark gray horse and a light iron gray mare 3 years old, hitched to a new bolton road wagon. He wrote his parents from Carrier, Garfield county, and left that neighborhood August 1, saying that he was going to Kansas.

His father, George Wright offers to pay for information of his lost boy.

BLACKWELL DOCTORS ORGANIZE

Dr. M. M. Lively is Elected President of the Association.

Blackwell, O. T., Sept. 26.—The physicians of this city formed this week an organization for the mutual advancement of the medical profession, for a better understanding with each other, and for protection in the way of fees, and Dr. M. M. Lively was elected president; Dr. A. L. Lowery, vice president; Dr. H. C. Alexander, secretary and Dr. Buellleaf, treasurer.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Prisoner Refuses to Say Anything About the Affair.

Ardmore, O. T., Sept. 26.—Sam Smith, alias Jim Smith, colored, 49 years old, was brought in here last night by Deputy Evans from Madill, where he was arrested Tuesday charged with the murder of Anderson Davis, another negro.

The prisoner refuses to say anything of the affair.

From what could be gathered on the outside, however, the killing occurred over a nickel in a crap game and Davis was killed by another negro was shot through the leg and the limb had to be amputated.

Smith was tried before Commissioner Gullett at Madill and held without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

KICK OF A HORSE.

Rev. W. H. Nichols Dies as Result of an Old Injury.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 26.—Rev. W. H. Nichols, the first ordained Baptist minister to locate in Oklahoma City, died at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at his home. He was fifty-one years of age. The primary cause of his death was a kick of a horse thirty-one years ago by the fractured condition of his left thigh bone, which was the cause of his intense suffering, which finally undermined his whole system, causing his untimely death. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss. Mr. Nichols was a good man and his loss will be sadly felt by his host of friends and acquaintances. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. W. M. Anderson at the First Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

FILES THE CHARTER.

Will Build Railroad from Oklahoma City to Kingfisher.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Sept. 26.—W. B. McCall, who made a proposition to the Chamber of Commerce six months ago to build a railroad from this city to Kingfisher within a year and thence to a connection with the Orient at Carman within two years, arrived in the city this afternoon from Kansas City and went to Guthrie this afternoon, where he will file a charter for the construction of the line, for which Oklahoma City is to pay \$20,000. The Owens Construction company, of Chicago, with a capital stock of \$200,000 divided into 5,000 shares, all stock subscribed, will finance the deal and will maintain an office in this city. The contract will not be let until after a meeting of the stockholders to be held last week in October or first week in November. According to Mr. McCall, work will be commenced at Kingfisher and Oklahoma City at the same time, and the road will be pushed rapidly toward completion. The contract held by the Chamber of Commerce provides for the construction and operation of the line from Oklahoma City and stipulates that the line shall be completed by July 1st and before the Oklahoma City and Carman a year later. The road will open up a fine trade territory to the northwest for the Oklahoma City wholesale merchants, and will fill in the gap necessary to complete the city's railroad wheel.

Mr. McCall will begin the work of securing terminals in the city and the right of way through this county at once.

STEEL IS LAID.

Bridge Work on the Grade to Enid is Rushed.

Perry, O. T., Sept. 26.—Steel on the Arapahoe Valley and Western road has been laid to Perry and the bridge work on the grade between here and Enid is being rushed. The contract for the new depot has been let, and work will begin as soon as material arrives.

Twenty months ago, the charter for the A. V. & W. was secured and since that time \$4 miles of road has been built and the grade for the entire 17 miles between Enid and Perry has been completed. Freight service will be established between Perry and Enid, I. T., within a short time.

To Deliver an Address.

Alva, O. T., Sept. 26.—D. E. D. Ehrlich of Carman has been invited to deliver the opening address at the Kansas Medical college at Carman, O. T., on Tuesday, September 29th, at 10 o'clock, according to the program of the college. It is this school and now goes back to address the people who are about to enter the school, and to after year will remember many of the things told them by the doctor from Oklahoma.

El Reno, O. T., Sept. 26.—General Nelson A. Miles is visiting with his friend, Colonel Mann at Fort Reno. General Miles will only remain here for a short time and is out for a general tour.

RETURNS FROM SUMMER WORK

Prof. Chas. N. Gould and Party Pleased with Their Tour.

IT STARTED LAST JUNE

Took a Large Scope of Country and Learned Things.

Norman, O. T., Sept. 26.—Prof. Chas. N. Gould of the University of Oklahoma recently returned from the summer's work with the irrigation survey. He expresses himself as being very much pleased with the summer's work. The party outfit last June with a heavy camp wagon, a light hack and a saddle pony and carried on separate lines of reconnaissance along the North Canadian and Cimarron rivers to the heads of these streams. After crossing the range the party passed down the South Canadian across New Mexico and the panhandle into Oklahoma. The principal towns touched during the summer were Enid, Woodward, Liberal, Kan., Woodward, May, Beaver City, Guyman, and Kenton, O. T.; Folsom, Eaton, Maxwell, Springer, Clayton, Roy, Tucuman, Logan, New Mexico; Channing, Amarillo, Panhandle, Canadian and Shamrock, Texas; Sayre, Texola, and Elk City, O. T.

It is estimated that during the season the various parties traveled something over four thousand miles. In the middle of July they found snow on the high peaks of the Rock Mountains. Prof. Gould says that in his ten years' experience, he never spent a more pleasant season. Most of the weather is extremely cold, so much so that blankets were often acceptable. The highest point touched was an altitude of 12,000 feet on Old Baldy Peak at the head of one of the many tributaries of the South Canadian.

Prof. Gould speaks in the highest terms of all his assistants. Each man of the party not only assisted in carrying on the regular camp work but directed his attention to some special phase of geology. Mr. Pierce Larkin devoted his time to springs, which subject he has been interested in for some time. Mr. Chas. A. Long collected information regarding deep wells. Mr. Chester A. Reed spent most of his time in the collection of fossils, and Mr. Chas. T. Kirk looked up the subject of the South Canadian river. He is interested in ascertaining, if possible, the cause of the sudden and rapid rises of this, the most treacherous streams of the plains. All of the men have become proficient in the routine of camp life and will probably take positions with government parties next year. They have all enrolled in the University of Oklahoma and expect during the coming winter to write articles embodying the results of their summer's work.

GONE TO NEBRASKA.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes to Visit Old Friends.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 26.—Secretary and Mrs. William Grimes left here this morning for a three week visit in Nebraska. Secretary Grimes was once a sheriff in Nebraska and he goes to that county to see old friends and relatives. Several days will be spent in Lincoln, before returning.

MRS. M'GUIRE ENTERTAINS.

Gave a Luncheon in Honor of Guthrie Guests.

Pawnee, O. T., Sept. 26.—Mrs. B. S. McGuire entertained Wednesday at a 4 o'clock luncheon in honor of Mrs. C. C. Knicker and Mrs. J. S. Detrick of Guthrie. The following guests were present:

Mrs. C. J. Wrightman, Mrs. Lena Smith, Miss Florence Shapard, Miss Nora Shapard, Mrs. Frank Hudson, Mrs. T. L. Patton, of Birmingham, Ala. The colors were red and white.

WOODS COUNTY'S BAD JAIL.

Ten and Twelve Prisoners With Room for Only Four.

Alva, O. T., Sept. 26.—Woods county, for the past two years, has been facing a serious matter, and they will perhaps realize it when it is too late to help it, says the Record. The county jail is a brick building, one story high, 28x35 inside with a steel cage inside the building. This cage contains a corridor and two cells, and is calculated for four prisoners, two to each cell seven feet square; yet for the past three months there has not been at any time less than ten men in this jail; for the past three months the average has been twelve men, and there have been fifteen kept in this hole for weeks at a time. Of the men now in the county jail two of them are sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the county jail, one is a negro sentenced to the penitentiary and brought back here as insane; another is a man 70 years old who has been in the insane asylum and pronounced incurable, and was released on parole, and later complaint was made against him as being insane, and as he cannot be again taken to the asylum, as they take only persons who are likely to be cured by treatment.

Therefore this old man was left to and his days in the county jail unless some different arrangement is made for the care of such persons.

The remainder of the persons confined in the county jail at this time are men held over to the grand jury on criminal charges which if proven against them will give them a term in the penitentiary yet these ten men who are awaiting trial are not convicted, and in the eyes of the law they are proven guilty, and it is probable that some of these men will not be found guilty by the jury that tries them, they are citizens with full rights and have been mistreated, not by being imprisoned in the jail, as the law provides that a man may be held in jail to await trial, but the law does not provide that at any time, anywhere in the United States, fourteen men can be held day and night in so small a place as the Woods county jail.

Since last spring Woods county has had two female prisoners charged with crimes for which conviction would send them to the penitentiary. They cannot be kept in the jail at Alva, for the law will not permit it, as there is no separate apartment provided for them as the law says they are must be. The consequence is, they are taken to Woodward and Woods county pays the expense of the transportation, and pays Woodward county \$1 per day each for keeping them. Last week a woman was brought in for horse stealing and while she and her male companion

were bound over to await the action of the grand jury the prisoners were committed to jail. The probate judge made inquiry as to the provision of the county jail to receive the woman, and when the report was made of the conditions as they exist, and the number of prisoners in the county jail, the judge ordered the woman to be taken to Woodward to jail, and the county commissioners being in session they were called upon before the court and asked to explain what arrangement they expected to make for the custody of Woods county prisoners, as there are about ten of them for whom there is no provision made. The commissioners were plainly told by the court that the existing conditions are not what the law contemplates in the care and custody of such prisoners. There has been such a general disagreement among the voters of the county as to the improvement of the county as to the conditions of the county jail that the county commissioners have not felt that they were warranted in going to any expense in fixing up anything for the county. There have been so many promises of candidates for the legislature promising different localities county seats and court houses if elected, and the people have listened to these promises, and conditions are just the same in that regard as they were ten years ago, and the county owns no building, pays rent on every hand, and has no accommodations, either.

EL RENO IS PROSPERING.

Will Soon Have Three Trunk Lines of Railroad.

El Reno, O. T., Sept. 26.—The El Reno and Southwestern railroad construction company has settled for the right of way through the city and graders are now at work. The entire line from Guthrie to the North Canadian river, a distance of about 2 miles from this city. The company expects to transfer the road bed from El Reno and ready for regular trains to the M. N. & T. Railway company about December 1 of this year. The completion of this road will give to El Reno three great trunk lines.

The Rock Island people are making extensive improvements. The old Cheyenne depot will soon be a thing of the past, as both lines are going to erect a commodious union depot. The yards have been extended and nearly 12 miles of side-track is being added.

Beginning Tuesday, October 6, and continuing for five days El Reno will be filled with thousands of visitors from all parts of Oklahoma. Our committee has made every effort to procure the best street attractions, and they have succeeded in doing so. Every day this great harvest home jubilee and carnival will afford grand entertainment for all. On Thursday of the carnival week Governor Ferguson and Senator Gore will talk to the old veterans, both the blue and the gray.

SPARK FROM AN ENGINE.

Neighbors Offer Sufficient Wheat to Do Fall Seeding.

Edmond, O. T., Sept. 26.—On Tuesday there was a serious fire in the farm of Rube Hatten west of Edmond which threatened wheat. A spark from the engine set fire to the straw stack and two hundred bushels of wheat and 15 acres of corn burned. It is said that the threshing machine was saved from the flames. This is a serious loss to Mr. Hatten. We understand that one of his neighbors offered Mr. Hatten sufficient wheat for this fall seeding. Only two years ago Mr. Hatten's crop suffered from hail. He has the sympathy of all who know him.

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